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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC  
Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom is lying when they say there are no other carriers that use UNEs. My carrier, Sonic, is one, so I would definitely be "materially affected" by this petition. I am a self-employed consultant and chose Sonic because they are more responsive to customers and at a fair price. They are also moving fiber into as many areas as they can, and am looking forward to getting those faster speeds without killing my small budget.

See this economic study that also disagrees with USTelecom: <https://www.incompas.org/Files/filings/2018/08-06-18%20Economic%20Studies%20.pdf?elqTrackId=24F69EA418844EBF2EADD07BA88E1412&elq=59859063c3854c7d8fbd63eb2df3d556&elqaid=504&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=194>

Please DO NOT approve this attempt to monopolize the marketplace. Competition is what improves performance and lowers price. I STRONGLY oppose this petition, and am angry that, yet another, large company, misrepresents the truth in order to stomp out competition.

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